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AMENDMENT  
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AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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To the Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Initial Comments

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This amendment is being filed after final rejection to place the application in order for allowance or appeal. The sole remaining issue in the application is a 35 USC 112 rejection for failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim that which the applicant regards as his invention. The applicant has amended his drawings to add a reference numeral to identify the second of the two means referred to in subparagraphs b) and c) of claim 3, noted by the examiner. He has amended the specifications to particularly point out the structures that serve to represent the claimed means for performing the functions. The applicant has further amended his specifications to more particularly point out the portions of the operational sequences of figure 3 that perform the functions claimed by using, means for performing a function language, in subparagraphs h) and l) of claim 3.

## **Amendment to the drawings**

**Please amend the drawings as shown in red on the appended sheet marked "Annotated Marked-up Drawings". Please enter the amended drawing sheet marked "Replacement Sheet" appended herewith.**